

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L COLOMBO 1553

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CUL, PINT, CU, CE

SUBJ: WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL IN HAVANA

REF: STATE 084164

1. IN APRIL 4 DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) DIRECTOR OF UN AND CONFERENCES, POL OFFICER INQUIRED IF SUCH CONFERENCES AS WORLD YOUTH FESTIVALS CAME UNDER MFA PURVIEW. POL OFFICER DREW ON INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL AND CHARACTERIZED WORLD YOUTH FESTIVALS FOR MFA OFFICER.

2. MFA OFFICER NOTED THAT YOUTH FESTIVAL IS NOT AN OFFICIAL CONFERENCE AND THEREFORE MFA NOT INVOLVED OR PARTICULARLY INTERESTED. HE WAS UNAWARE OF UPCOMING HAVANA YOUTH FESTIVAL OR WHO MIGHT ATTEND FROM SRI LANKA.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: SRI LANKA WILL OF COURSE NOT SEND AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO HAVANA. SRI LANKA IS A FREE, DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, AND GOVERNMENT HAS NO CONTROL OVER PERSONS WHO MIGHT ATTEND YOUTH FESTIVAL AS LONG AS THEY MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR PASSPORTS AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

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